

HCS HB 209 -- CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION (Conway, 104)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Civil and Criminal Proceedings

This bill specifies that if the victim of a crime who is eligible for compensation under the Crime Victim's Compensation Fund is deceased, the victim's family or next-of-kin may sign a notarized statement designating the funeral home as a claimant eligible for compensation from the fund if the funeral home complies with the specified provisions.

The bill adds a service provider who is a board certified psychiatric-mental health clinical nurse specialist or nurse practitioner licensed under Chapter 335, RSMo, or licensed in the state in which the service is provided to those who may receive compensation from the fund for psychiatric treatment or other counseling services.

The bill increases the maximum amount of any compensation for death, personal injury, or loss of earnings or support from gainful employment from the fund from not to exceed \$200 per week to not to exceed \$400 per week.